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"GRAND SITUATION" ARISES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

BERLIN, December 30. — A speech in the *Sabranje* by the Bulgarian Premier, who referred to the Bulgarian minorities and the suspension of voluntary enlistment in the allied powers would be interpreted as a challenge to the Jugo-Slavs. The speech discussed the speech after which M. Rakich, the Serbian Minister at Sofia, was telegraphically instructed to return to Belgrade to confer with the Government. Official circles opine that M. Tzankoff's utterance marks a definite change in Bulgarian policy in favour of the restoration of pre-war conditions in the Balkans. The Belgrade newspaper *Vrema* declares that it is the duty of the Government to adopt military steps if necessary to assure future security. Other newspapers, irrespective of party, express similar exhortations.

REICH AND RENTENMARK.

FLOATING DEBT REDUCED.

BERLIN, December 30. — Since November 15 when the *Rentenmark* was first issued Germany's floating debt has decreased by 191.6 trillion paper marks to 95.0. According to an official statement by the Ministry of Finance the indebtedness of the Reich to the *Rentenbank* may now be regarded as discharged. Since the *Rentenbank* no longer discounts Treasury Bills and the Reich's expenditure and revenue do not yet balance the Reich is obliged to raise credit from the *Rentenbank*. This credit on December 20 amounted to 770 million *Rentenmarks* apart from two hundred million *Rentenmarks* to redeem the floating debt.

BLACK SEA BLOW.

AMERICAN FREIGHTER FOUNDERS.

CONSTANTINOPLE, December 30. — Violent gales have greatly damaged shipping in Turkish waters, particularly the Black Sea where the big American cargo steamer "Conejos" with a cargo of manganese ore from Batum foundered with all hands. A wireless message picked up by the British steamer "Molesley" said: "Conejos" sinking fast. Hold number one full of water. Bow awash. Have received no response to calls for help."

CREPE RUBBER.

POPULAR PRODUCT FOR FOOTWEAR.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, December 30. — There appears, says the *Observer's* Financial Editor, to be an outlet for a further very considerable quantity of crepe rubber as soles for every kind of footwear. That its use for this purpose is progressing is shown by the fact that one Minding Lane broker sells over a thousand tons yearly solely for footwear, while another ships from ten to twelve tons weekly to the United States for the same purpose. It is understood that the boot and shoe trade is taking great interest in the product as a paying proposition. Plantation crepe is proving very popular in South Africa whilst applications come daily from Australia, for agencies and the special department of the Rubbergrowers' Association dealing with crepe rubber is inundated with inquiries from continental cities. The British War Office recently ordered forty thousand army rest shoes with crepe soles and it is understood a larger contract will shortly be placed.

MISSING "DIXMUDE."

CREW'S FATE STILL UNCERTAIN.

PARIS, December 30. — *Le Matin* publishes will all reserve a telegram from Tunis stating that a sailing vessel reports having seen off Chebba, at a place she was unable to reach, a raft bearing three men supposed to be survivors from the "Dixmude." A tug was immediately sent to investigate.

LATER. — A message from Tunis states that competent authorities deny the existence of the raft reported to have been seen off Chebba. No trace has so far been discovered of the missing members of the crew of the "Dixmude."

NEW AMERICAN AMBASSADOR.

LONDON, December 30. — The new American Ambassador, Mr. Frank Kellogg arrived at Plymouth aboard the "President Harding" and was welcomed by the Mayor of Plymouth and Admiral Sir Richard Phillimore, the Commander-in-Chief. Interviewed, Mr. Kellogg said the economic and political chaos existing in many parts demand the most tolerant and broadminded Statesmanship, especially of the great powers. He believed Anglo-American relations would grow more friendly as time went on and he would do his best towards this end. — *Reuter's American Service.*

CANTON CONDITIONS.

AN APPEAL.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, December 30. — Things are generally quiet. Along the Shamen frontage are five British, six American, two Japanese and two Portuguese gunboats and one Italian gunboat at anchor. It is rumoured there will be a general strike within a week or so. The following is a copy of an appeal which has been distributed on Shamen.

STUDENTS' APPEAL.

STUDENTS' VOLUNTEER HOME DEFENCE CORPS PROPOSED.

CANTON, Dec. 24, 1923. Fellow Students: — Foreign warships, contrary to international law and justice, are in our territorial waters, and their guns are now pointing at our metropolis, threatening to bombard us. Our home and hearth are in danger of foreign invasion and destruction. In a word, our enemies are at the gate. They have no right to come here any more than they have a right to interfere with our internal affairs. For the disposal and in fact the division of the surplus custom revenue are our internal affairs pure and simple, so long as our obligations to foreign debts are fulfilled. Pending a final political settlement, our financial resources must be distributed according to territory occupied by both parties. To hold up the revenues collected in the territory of one party for the benefit of another is partiality and injustice, which the Chinese people cannot tolerate. China's Young-men? Our cause is for republicanism, democracy, progress and peace, is at stake; our territory is in danger of

"PEG O' MY HEART."

DUE TO-MORROW AT THE CORONET.

Laurette Taylor, the winsome and original star of the world-famous comedy "Peg O' My Heart," appears in the screen version, which will be shown at the Coronet commencing to-morrow. It is estimated that this play has been performed over 16,000 times on stages the world over, and now comes its presentation in films. Although no doubt Hongkong has seen "Peg O' My Heart" very capably done by touring companies, it is interesting to compare Miss Taylor's work with that of other "Pegs."

Michael, the terrier who causes so much trouble in the Kingnorth household, is also prominent in the picture. The use of sub-titles taken from the written play add much to the comedy enjoyment. occupation. If you are not going to sit down quietly and resign yourselves to the fate, come and join us. We are organising "Students' Volunteer Home Defence Corps," the general regulations of which will, inter alia, be as follows:— 1. All students between the age of 18 and 25 are eligible to be the members of our corps. 2. Our corps is for the purpose of defending Canton City and its environs against the eventualities of foreign invasion and for no other purpose. 3. Our corps will make every effort and use every means to defend Canton and will not cease until our enemies are repulsed. 4. Our Corps is to be dissolved as soon as peace is restored. STUDENTS OF GOVERNMENT, NORMAL COLLEGE,

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SCHOLASTIC SUCCESSES.

Striking successes were gained by scholars of the Diocesan Boys' School in the examinations held by the University, when the School gained the King Edward VII scholarships (two) and the Hongkong Government Education Scholarship for Boys, a feat on which those concerned are to be heartily congratulated. These have to be added to the successes achieved by the School in the past. In 1887 when the Cambridge Locals were first introduced in the Colony a Diocesan boy attained the highest possible place. In 1889, when the Oxford Locals were substituted for Cambridge, the school secured 471 certificates. In 1890, the Government Scholarship of £200 for four years in England was gained by F. Southey who was taught at the school. Since then to the present the school has earned an almost unbroken run of successes, its students being found in all walks of life adding testimony to the teaching given, and the discipline exercised, by those in charge of the institution.

During the week ended the 28th which was interrupted by the Christmas Holidays there has been very little business passing in the share market and quotations do not show much change. The Shanghai Market for "Cottons" and "Docks" is also dull. The Singapore Market for Rubber Shares shows that there are few changes in quotations but any fresh markings are downward. The raw material is quoted in Singapore at 40 1/2 cents per lb. The London Market for "Banks" remains the same, and "Oils" shows a slight increase. "Indos (Deferred)" are a shade weaker.

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MAIL WEEK NEWS.

TEEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

The American Ambassador to Belgium, Henry P. Fletcher, who is also Minister to Luxembourg, has gone to Luxembourg to present his credentials to the Grand Duchess.

At a convention of provincial school trustees in Dunbar (B.C.) it was decided to ask the executive to take up with the Department of Education the question of introducing into the public schools a manual based on the Bible for use as a text-book for literature only.

Anthracite mining operations were at a standstill at Hazelton, the miners generally remaining idle in observance of "Mitchell Day," so called in honour of the successful termination of the hard coal strike of 1906 under the leadership of the late John Mitchell, then international president of the United Mine Workers.

Mass production and labor-saving devices have so shifted the ratio between the number of workers and of executives employed in America that 200,000 positions of responsibility and high salary will go begging in industry by 1930, unless something is done to train more men for such jobs, the National Industrial Conference Board announced.

Proceedings in approximately 100 miles of placer mining have been held by the American Association of Placer Miners, Inc., at Hazelton, B.C., presided over by Charles H. Smith, Eastern Railway.

Collected income from 7,018,796 in 1923 for the calendar year from this source was \$62,438. A statistical public-to-day by the Revenue, shows a decrease of approximately 100,000 from 1920, reduction of about 10 per cent. of the number of persons.

Official announcement is made that the Mexican Government has proposed to Washington the adoption of a postal convention making possible the inauguration of a C.O.D. mail service between the two countries. Considerable saving would be possible for Mexican consumers, it is pointed out, if they could order small articles direct from manufacturers in the States.

Speaking to the Women's Council for the Prevention of War, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt declared that "there is not a human being in the United States either in Congress or at home, who knows the policy of the United States with regard to permanent world peace." Mrs. Catt advocated entering the League of Nations, in spite of what faults it may appear to have "rather than stand by timidly, ignoring this only existing, actual motion for world peace."

A delegation representing musical, art and literary circles waited upon the City Council at Vancouver to seek aid in the establishment of an auditorium. The scheme of finance suggested was the enlistment of the aid of 150,000 citizens of Greater Vancouver, each being asked to buy one or more bricks in the institution at \$1 each. It is proposed that, when the building is completed, it be handed over to the city to administer.

The total native population of Alaska, adults, and children, attending schools in the territory for the fiscal year ending June 14, 1923, was 25,508, according to Government statistics. Of this number, 11,158 pupils, exclusive of adults, were served in Government schools. The data disclosed that 68 per cent. of the total adults read and write, and that two-thirds of the children attended school every day in the school year.

Average weekly earnings of workers in New York State factories were higher during September than they were throughout last year and \$1.70 higher than in September, a year ago, it was said in a statement issued by Bernard L. Shiening, State Industrial Commissioner. The present average was given as \$27.41, which is 29 cents above that of August, but slightly lower than in July.



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The China Mail.

HONGKONG MONDAY, Dec. 31, 1923.

THE BUSINESS OF LIFE.

"It might have been" are said to be the saddest words of tongue or pen. But the phrase can be used variously. If this dying year has not been all we expected it to be, "it might have been" very much worse. There is at least a modicum of comfort in that side of the matter, suggesting perhaps a tincture of settled pessimism and an acknowledgment that there are forces in the world which we dimly perceive, too great for us to understand, impossible for us to combat. The year which is drawing or dying to its close has been perhaps no better or worse than its many predecessors. For many it opened and continued well, but the promise of successful fulfillment did not mature. It somehow fell short in the good things that seemed to be contained in its flying days—for us and ours. But a moment of thought will convince us it has been worth living. It has been a business, a great business,

and Lord Morley has summed life up for us in his pregnant phrase:

"The great business of life is to be, to do, to do without," adding the extra positive, "and to depart." The application is a personal one first of all, and we are so constituted that we regard it that way first and last. So applying it we have to answer this threefold application with reference to the year 1923, for no one can answer it truthfully for us. We have had numberless opportunities "to be," to be true, and to be so to such an extent that we could not be false to any man. Unequalled opportunities "to do" have also been ours. The cynic and embittered looking down on his shattered hopes will say that many have, excelled in this matter, that countless thousands mourn as a result of a prevalence "to do" others and the things that bear not the fierce light of truth. We are not constituted judges of our fellow-men desirous as we seem to be to question the means used to obtain the success that may be his as a result of his doings. To do without comes often as a matter of course and a thing which it is somewhat easy to bear.

As a community and a Nation Lord Morley's dictum also applies. Our civil lives are so ordered for us in this little place that few are the opportunities given us to do and to be, whilst the facts of the case demand that we do without. Prosperity has overtaken—we think

the word used the correct one, the Colony, in no uncertain manner. In spite of the fact that economic conditions have been such that other parts of the world have been the reverse of prosperous, we have wallowed in the lap of progress that is measured in money. We may well hesitate a moment to consider the source and the meaning of that prosperity, and to take a thought for the future, but the onus for that and the settlement of conditions which have brought a measure of hardship to those ill able to afford it, is in other hands. We cannot let it rest at that and those in authority should continually be reminded that wrongs are made to be righted. Apart from that the business of life for us in this place is to be and to do as members of a race renowned for its high sense of justice and for its wisdom in the things that are true and of good report. Has 1923 emphasised these national traits in us?

Nationally we seem to have gone back somewhat. The roar of the lion is not regarded as it once was. And we are inclined to think this is just as well. We think we can say with a reasonable amount of pride that 1923 has found Great Britain more than solid in the matter of straight dealing, and all out for honesty of purpose and action—an example to others. The world is not yet safe for democracy, but such institutions as the League of Nations give us hope. The past year has more than tested it, almost given it, but it still stands firm, full of possibilities for the future peace of the world.

For our very near neighbours, 1923 does not appear to have been very gracious, but in all the strife and chaos which seem for the moment to be the portion of the Chinese Nation, we desire to see flickerings of hope. From an old regime she was suddenly plunged into a new one from which much was expected. Sudden changes do not necessarily bring in their train immediate benefits, and this fact must be borne in mind by those who would criticise harshly the gropings and strivings of an obviously great people.

We have been obviously optimistic in this inadequate reference to the year within a few hours at its end, and leave the message of optimism for 1924 as the only sensible thing with which to commence the New Year. Ring out the old by all means; ring in the new certainly, but let us not leave it to others. Let us remember anew that the business of 1924 for us is "to be," and "to do." That being recognised the added "to do without" will come as a matter of course whilst "to depart" will not concern us very greatly.

A Hongkong Pageant.

Pageants are not quite a new idea. There was a vogue of them at one time at home, and many cities organised them, dipping into the records and history of their towns, by means of Domesday books, minutes, and the fragments of history and legend which cling to most places. H.R.H. the Prince Wales having suggested the desirability of holding a Pageant of Empire, it is unnecessary to say that the same will be duly organised and held, and will be one of the chief attractions of the forthcoming Empire Exhibition, delighting, as most Pageants do, the eye and enriching the mind with those pictures of a past age which even the best written book cannot do. Their usefulness is obvious, and to the young especially the lessons that can be obtained from them beyond question. We have here, in private conversation, suggested a Pageant for Hongkong, and even went to the length of discussing ways and means. The idea seems to be practical. Hongkong has its history and with the peoples who have helped to make its greatness, a good story should be forthcoming with the splash of colour, the grades of dress, the incidents of its history, all necessary to a Pageant. Having now publicly stated the matter we trust it will not be allowed to remain at that. We have artists among us with a quick eye for colour, a high sense of the dramatic, and able to arrange tableaux and processions, that should make it fairly easy to arrange such a Pageant. It would bring all classes of the Community together and forge a chain of friendships not lightly to be broken.

Our Police.

Tempering our jubilation at the successful issue of Saturday's battle with armed robbers at Yau-mat, will be a note of sympathy with the gallant officers who have suffered in following the onerous cause of duty in one of the worst plague spots in the Colony. Not merely the European section of the force over there, but the Chinese and Indian police seem to have gone to their danger-trunk with a vim and determination that merits the highest praise. Their effort has not been in vain, and will also have its effect in warning off other desperate characters who may be disposed to attempt fortune at the point of the dagger and the revolver. Promptness seems to have dominated the proceedings and the community will agree with us that Inspector Murphy and his colleagues are deserving of all the good things that can be said of them. The whole incident, including the revolver duel, show that the provision of bullet-proof waistcoats to be an absolute necessity, and a matter of wisdom in providing for them. We trust they will soon be here and use at once made of them. The lives of the Police are too valuable to have them thrown away at a moment's notice by the bullets of those who evidently are prepared to stop at nothing to secure their ends and to create a reign of terror throughout the Colony. Some of them now see that desperate resources, are to be met with desperate resources, and that one good revolver shot from a police pistol is likely to be as effective as one from a robber. Saturday's business proves anew the correctness of W. S. Gilbert when he said:—

When constabulary duty's to be done,
A Policeman's lot is not a happy one.

We cannot help but observe that the "Hydrangea" was pirated in Bias Bay. This suggests a clue. Were the pirates bowlers?

Many found out that whilst mistletoe made a good Christmas decoration, holly had its points.

Will there be a sound of rustling to-night? There should be if the turning over of new leaves is up to the quantity of past New Year eves.

Science can gauge the "Kick" in a feminine kiss we are told. This is the first time we have known s.m.a.c.k. to be spelt k.i.c.k.

There is a revival in home weaving and spinning. Married men in Hongkong still cling to the same old yarns.

According to Mr. Ratcliffe Cousins, "people are not obliged to hop, skip and jump out of the way of a motor-cyclist." Of course they're not! What are our hospitals for?

The "Hydrangea" must change her name. Otherwise she may expect to be plucked again.

The production costs of gas have now dropped by nearly 30 per cent. But we still pay our Members of Parliament £400 a year.

Ex-President Wilson has been at it again. He says the war was won largely by America's unconquerable soldiers. The example of George Washington has not influenced Mr. Wilson.

Dr. Marie Stopes has written a play called "The Ostrich." Her own conception!

The ex-Kaiser has been clearly told by the Allies that his only hope of avoiding the consequences of his war acts is to remain quietly at Doorn. Surely the word quietly is wrong. Are there not six sleepchildren?

Mr. Lloyd George, when in America was made a Red Indian. Another feather in his cap.

Henry Ford's book, one of the critics declares, tries to cover too many matters. Could do with a few less "separate parts," perhaps.

Two kinds of women are facts, attractive to men: a pretty woman who is clever and a pretty woman who isn't.

Most women like handsome men, love rich ones, and marry homely paupers.

We have no sympathy with Lord Birkenhead's talk about the world to be won with stout hearts.

Hearts and shining swords, it reminds one too much of the ex-Kaiser's mail-order. But as we said when the war broke out, the great thing for the people to do was to make up their minds whether they hated a Hun or were more merely jealous of it in its Prussian form. And events since the Armistice have certainly shown that with a large and noisy nation it was more jealousy than anything else.

A friend, desiring to change his quarters, advertised that a young man wanted board and residence. He received only three replies, all unsatisfactory. He advertised again, and substituting "gentleman" for "man" he received over 40 answers.

The Vicar of St. Nicholas's Church, Walkway, is distressed that people do not come to his church but may be seen strolling through the village with golf clubs, or may be seen going off for a day's motoring. So he asks why not come to church as they are? And he adds that it would certainly be better to see stacks of golf clubs in the porch and a row of motors outside the church, rather than for them not to come at all. That we think is only sense, and we commend the idea to the paders at St. John's Cathedral and the Union Church. A little hymn-singing before golf would probably lead to better play and less desire to address the ball in hasty language.

The most poignant "Poignant" in every given cricket-field must have been during a game in which a catch was offered and waited for it calmly. Miss M. Archie appealingly, "and my sister!"

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As the cold waves closed over the brave deliverer, Lord Munchausen, uncrowning his fountain pen, generously called for his cheque book, and ordered the immediate resignation of the first chamberlain, pending the refilling of that august post. They were opening a case of cream de menthe when Lord Munchausen returned to the rail to look for the bold rescuer. Sighing, he tore up the cheque. The fool couldn't swim.

We do not know, if PRAYER, special prayers were offered in the local Churches in the matter of the recent General Election, but readers of the China Mail may be interested in reading the prayer which the Archbishop of Canterbury directed to be used in the Churches at Home prior to the election:—

Almighty God, the source of all wisdom, direct, we beseech Thee, the minds of those now called to elect fit persons to serve in the High Court of Parliament, that they may have regard to Thy glory and the welfare of Thy people; and on those whom they shall choose, bestow, of Thy goodness the spirit of wisdom and true religion; for the sake of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.—Amen.

We are a babe in COCKTAILS, such things and do not therefore pose as an authority. Doubtless there is a book which gives the names of all known cocktails. We wonder if it contains the name of one which has just come to our mind which is described as "the Maidens Prayer." McCurdy we know: a Pink Lady we know, but The Maiden's Prayer we do not know.

We do not know EXACTITUDE, who holds the record for exactitude.

In detail but the following emanating from Queensland leaves nothing open to doubt. It concerns the death of a train-traveller. The report read:—"When picked up, the decapitated body was quite cold, and lying on its side, about 17½ inches out from the down rail, and about 18 feet 6½ ins. from the home signal. The body had apparently fallen from one of the night trains, or perhaps a day train, or else the man had been asleep on the line and unaware of the train's approach, or else he had purposely committed suicide himself." (Gruesome particulars of mutilation here). The head, which was picked up some eight or nine feet away from the spot where the body was found, had evidently been cut clean off. The corpse when discovered was to all appearances totally dead and lifeless.

To-day's Poem.

The even heart that
beats—
This cool head we
heart desires
The measuring eye
hand and foot
The "Soul unbr"
Body tired—
These are the things
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Far more than speed
Wherefore we pray
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SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised
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ENTERTAINMENTS.

December 31.—Coronet Theatre;
Constance Talmadge in "Danger-
ous Business."

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Izako, the Russian Court Conjurer,
and "The Midnight Guest."

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Glady's Walton in "Crossed
Wires."

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Theatre; Anita Stewart in "The
Yellow Typhoon."

SOCIAL.
January 24.—Fancy Dress Ball at
Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.

AUCTION.
January 3.—Lammert Bros., at
No. 5 East View Buildings Ground
Floor, Nathan Road, Kowloon,
household furniture, 2.30 p.m.

OTHER MEETING.
January 3.—Annual general
meeting of the Royal Hongkong
Golf Club (Ladies' Section), at
Helena May Institute, 11 a.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

*. There will be no issue of the
China Mail to-morrow (January 1).
The next issue will be on Wed-
nesday.

Lighting-up time to-day is at
5.48 p.m.

Exchange on London's 2 1/2%
on Shanghai 70.

The Sanitary Board is to meet
on Thursday. Fourteen items of
business are on the agenda.

A congregation for conferring
of Degrees is to be held at the Uni-
versity on Wednesday, January 9.

Rice, flour and sugar quota-
tions will be found in this issue of
the China Mail under Commercial
Notes.

It is reported that 10% will be
levied on all theatre tickets sold in
Canton. This tax will be used for
military purposes. It is also pro-
posed that a luxury tax of 10% be
levied on all motor car rides.

Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co.,
Ltd., advertise that all their de-
partments will be closed on Tues-
day, January 1. The Dispensary
will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
and from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. for
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A detachment of Wei-hai-wei
Police (Chinese) have arrived in the
Colony by the s.s. "Huichew" and
they will be stationed in the New
Territories. This batch consists of
over sixty men with some families.
It is learnt that with the New Year,
a number of the Northerners will
be brought into the Yau-mat and
Mongkok districts to replace some
Cantonese and Indian officers who
will be brought back to Central.

London's first Mah-Jongg Club
was to have been opened on Dec-
ember 1. It is the outcome of the
registration of the Mah-Jongg
League, Ltd., which has capital
£500 in 400 ordinary shares 5s.
each, and 1,600 cumulative pre-
ference shares for the same
amount. The governing director
is Miss Leonie C. Harston. The
headquarters are at 9, Young
Street, Kensington Square, which
are being decorated in Chinese
fashion.

Lying outside the offices of
the Criminal Intelligence Depart-
ment at Central, are a number of
large advertising cartoons relating
to Chinese politics, which have
been seen this year outside shops
in various parts of the Colony.
These have apparently been im-
pounded by the police on account
of their too pointed references to
men well-known in Chinese
politics. On one of them the
Chinese Republic is depicted as a
child suspended by the five-barred
flag with a militarist about to drive
a trident into it. Some wag has
added in English the letters
"Leggo" as emanating from the
infant.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Ho Kwong has been re-elect-
ed chairman of the "Twenty-four
Associated Commercial Guilds,"
an organisation which was recently
formed to cope with labour agi-
tation.

A Carol Service was held at St.
John's Cathedral last night, the
soloists being Mr. Mathieson and
Sir Claud Severn.

Sir James Jamieson, Sir Wilfred
Atlay, Mr. K. W. Bean, and Mr.
R. W. Barney were passengers on
the outgoing "Kaiser-i-Hind."

TO SECRETARIES OF CLUBS
AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

A preliminary notice of a re-
cruiting meeting, lecture and
entertainment, sent for this year in
the new editions of the China Mail,
are contained at the rate of 31 p.s.
(as announced in May and June of
1922) provided that they do not
occupy more than four lines in
future if the advertising
columns are being filled.

HAVE A TRY!

EASIER VOTING CONTEST.

CORONET THEATRES OFFER.

CHOOSE YOUR OWN MOVIE FILMS.

AND WIN \$50 AS WELL!

This week the *China Mail's* voting contest is run on entirely new lines. Anxious to know what films please their patrons most, the management of the Coronet Theatre are offering the prize of \$50 for a poll of the twelve best pictures local cinema fans have ever seen. The poll is not limited to the Coronet Theatre nor to Hongkong. You simply name the twelve pictures you like most above all others, and if your selection comes nearest the general verdict then you win the prize. Entering for this unique contest you have double pleasure—you know that in assisting the Coronet Theatre management to decide what pictures are liked best you are helping to choose your own movies, and that as someone must win the \$50 you might quite easily begin the New Year with a handy little gift. Here is a chance that may never come again. Cut out the coupon on page 9, fill in the twelve pictures you have liked best, mark the envelope "Vote" and send it to the *China Mail*, Wyndham Street. You will send in as many coupons as you like, but they must all reach the *China Mail* Office by Monday next. Any forms received by the *China Mail* later than Monday will be disqualified. The decision of the Editor upon any points which may arise shall be final.

SUN'S SUBORDINATES.

FIGHTING FOR POWER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

KONGMOON, December 29. Admiral Chan Chak, the virtual governor of the territory in and around this part of the river delta, left here yesterday, to direct operations on the Chin Shan front, which is not far from Macao.

It has now been ascertained that the trouble arose through Ju Cheuk-man attacking some of Chan's troops in Chin Shan, the latter having been left there after assisting Ju to beat back the Yunnans who tried to take the Heung Shan district from him. Ju has been ordered by Sun Yat-sen to relinquish his post and his refusal has brought matters to a head. In the first attack Chan's men suffered over seventy killed and about one hundred wounded.

Admiral Chan retaliated by sending the gunboats "Kong Hon," "Kong Tai" and some armed launches and Ju has been defeated. Shin Lam, at the northern extremity of the district, has already been taken by Chan, who is also besieging Shek-ki, the capital. It has been announced that Chan will not enter the capital until Ju's men have been cleared as he does not wish to be implicated in any possible looting.

The position at Kongmoon is, relatively, quiet. The gunboat "Kwong Hung" is at Kuchuk.

Cheung Yat-to is the new San Wui magistrate. A few passengers on the Canton-Kongmoon and Shuihing-Kongmoon junk ferries have been wounded by pirates while half-way between Pak Kai (Kongmoon's port) and Chu Tau Shan (Pig's Head Hill).

ANOTHER PIRACY.

SALT JUNK STRIPPED.

Piracy of a cargo of salt assessed at \$170 and clothing valued at \$7, in Chinese waters, has been reported to the Police. Yesterday, a junk master put into Tai O. His report is that on the afternoon of December 26, he was near Lin Tin when he was challenged by six men. As his crew only numbered six and the visitors had four rifles between them, he submitted to their clearing the ship.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The A.O.L. s.s. "Capram" sailed from Hongkong on Dec. 29 and is expected to arrive at about Jan. 30. The B.E. s.s. "Phaonia" left Liverpool on Dec. 23 for Penang, Port Swettenham, Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai, Cebu and Davao and is due here on about Jan. 25. The B.E. s.s. "Phaonia" left Hongkong on Dec. 23 for Singapore, Penang, Port Swettenham, Cebu and Davao and is due here on about Jan. 25.

SOCCER.

TRIANGULAR INTERPORT.

TRIAL MATCH NEXT SATURDAY.

The *China Mail* is indebted to Mr. F. T. James, honorary secretary and treasurer of the H.K. Football Association, for the names of players chosen for the Interport trial match arranged for 4 p.m., on Saturday next, January 5, at Happy Valley, and the following comment—

THE TEAMS.

White—Goal, Waviss, (Tamar); Backs: Wynne, (Police), Bishop, (H.K.F.C.); Halves: Mair, (H.K.F.C.), McKelvie, (Kowloon), Lelliot, (R.G.A.); Forwards: Charlesworth, (Surreys), Eaton, (Surreys), Johnson, (Police), Nash, (R.A.M.C.), Mackelworth, (Surreys).

Blue—Goal, Forsyth, (H.K.F.C.); Backs: Smith, (R.G.A.), Wheeler, (Kowloon); Halves: Post, (Police), Stewart, (H.K.F.C.); Forwards: Bailey, (Kowloon), Simpson, (Police), Beggs, (H.K.F.C.), Humberstone, (Surreys), Caseldine, (R.G.A.), Omar, (St. Joseph's).

Reserves: Angus, Duncan, McPhail, Mason and Knight. The Committee consider that these teams represent the best available men for each position, and after this game they will choose the team which will represent Hongkong in the Interport contest.

It has not yet been possible for the Committee to decide upon a probable eleven as there have been two possible men for each position. The Committee have, therefore, decided to leave the men on their own in this match.

The Interport this year is particularly interesting, not only because it is the first year there has been a Triangular contest but because it is the first year there has been a trophy to play for, and the first year the competition has been controlled by definite rules.

These rules provide, *inter alia*, that the competition shall be open to any port in the Far East, that the trophy shall be played for alternately at Shanghai and Hongkong and that the control of the competition shall be in the hands of the Shanghai and Hongkong Football Associations.

The inauguration of this competition—made possible by the generosity of the *Hongkong Telegraph* in providing a splendid cup—has opened up a vista of future years seeing a number of ports competing annually in a competition that will be as popular in the Far East, as the English Cup competition is in England.

It would be unwise at this date to venture an opinion as to the result of the Interport game, but it is safe to say that the Hongkong representative will be Rees to reverse the result of the last Interport game which was played in Hongkong.

To-morrow's Match.

ARMY v. NAVY.

A grand charity match, Royal Navy v. Army, is being played at Sookumpoo to-morrow, New Year's Day, kick off at 4 p.m.

The following team has been selected to represent the Army: Goal, Sgt. Smith, R.C.A. Backs: L. Cpl. Humberstone, East Surreys, and Lieut. Smith R.G.A. Half-backs: Cpl. Howarth R.A.M.C., Pte. Boniface, East Surreys Gnr. Lelliot R.G.A. Forwards: Q. M. Sgt. Charlesworth, East Surrey, Pte. Eaton, East Surreys, Mr. Gnr. Castledine, R.G.A. Pte. Nash, R.A.M.C., Pte. Mackelworth, East Surrey Regt. Reserves: Ptes. Butler and Jordan, East Surreys.

Referee.—Mr. Cassidy. Extra seating accommodation is being provided and a good game and crowd is expected. The prices of admission to grand stand are civilians \$1.00, services in uniform, 50 cents. Unreserved side, civilians, 50 cents. services in uniform, 20 cents. The proceeds will be in aid of services charity.

SATURDAY'S LEAGUE GAMES.

DIVISION I.

H.K. Club..... 4 Ambrose 2
Tamar..... 2 Hawkins 1
Despatch..... 4 Police 2
Diomedes 1 Kowloon 0
South China... 1 R.G.A. 0

DIVISION II.

St. Joseph's... 6 Iroquoise 2
Club de Rec... 3 Club Res..... 0
Titania Res... 4 Diomedes Res. 1
University..... 1 Sacred Heart 0
Marazion..... 2 S. China "A" 2
S. China "B" 0 Hawkins 2

FRIENDLY.

Surreys..... 3 Titania..... 1. H.K. Football Club's senior eleven delighted their supporters on Saturday by trouncing the strong "Ambrose" team to the tune of 4-2. All the Club's goals were obtained in the first half. The game was more dominated by the H.K. club's forwards than by the Ambrose team.

IN BRIEF.

NEWS FOR BUSY MBN.

CABLES.

The new American Ambassador has arrived in England.

The fate of the crew of the "Dixmude" is still uncertain.

An American freighter has foundered in the Black Sea, with all hands.

Germany's floating debt has been reduced as a result of the Rentenmark issue.

Crepe rubber for footwear is reported as being very popular, and the sale of the product is increasing.

GENERAL.

Mexico City—The National Railway has applied for a concession to build a short line between Mexico City and Tampico. The cost will be 7,000,000 pesos.

Chicago—Practice of law in the United States is a gambling game, played between two sets of lawyers, with a judge as the umpire, James Hannibal Clancey, Detroit lawyer, declared during a recent speech here.

Chicago—A portable radio set, with an aerial strung around a bicycle rim, is one of the exhibits in the radio show here. The bicycle rim is worn about the shoulders like an Elizabethan ruff. The batteries connected with it are carried in a "pendant lunch box."

Winnipeg, Man.—A new Government grain elevator to serve the Canadian National railways, will be constructed at Edmonton, Alta, in time for next year's crop, Charles Stewart, Canadian Minister of the Interior, announced during a visit to Winnipeg. The elevator will have a capacity of 2,500,000 bushels, and will cost between \$1,000,000 and \$1,250,000, he said.

Paris—The Egyptian Prince Kemal Eddine, who recently acquired a French automobile equipped with caterpillar wheels for traveling over the desert, plans to make a dash into the heart of Lybia to find a record left there by the British explorer Rolf in 1873. The Prince hopes to blaze a trail from Egypt to the Sahara by way of Lybia. He will be accompanied by three French mechanics.

Milan—Giacomo Puccini, the composer, has won his suit against the Ricordi Music Publishing Company in which he complained that his dignity and artistic personality had been injured by the publication of a fox trot containing an excerpt from his opera, "Madame Butterfly." The Ricordi company was condemned to pay damages, the amount of which will be fixed at a separate sitting, and also to pay two-thirds of the court costs. It was shown at the trial that publication of the fox trot in question had been stopped.

SUICIDE?

OFFICER'S DEATH.

There has been removed to the Public Mortuary, the body of Mr. Ernest Bruce Smith, the chief officer of the river steamer "Leung Kwong." He was found on the ship at seven o'clock last night with a shot in the head, which the police believe to be self-inflicted. The opinion expressed is that he committed suicide while temporarily insane.

With the half-time score at 1-1, the "Tamar" played with plenty of dash to beat the flagship by the odd goal in three. A clean-spirited game was seen.

Spasmodic individual brilliance in the Police team could not keep out the improved "Despatch" forwards who carried out their ship's name by 4 goals to 2.

With Wheeler away, and Pasco deputising in goal, Kowloon went down to the "Diomedes" on the Navy "B" ground. A close game ended in favour of the sailors who scored the only goal.

Playing with the wind in their favour in the second half, south China notched a point against the R.G.A. and ran out winners in a 2-0 game.

CORRESPONDENCE.

PIRACY.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir.—Referring to your leading article of Saturday. On what grounds do you presume "the usual enquiry will be held into the pirating of the Hydrangea?" Is the editorial memory so overworked that it has already forgotten the piracy of the Sanning? She also was a British ship which went from Hongkong, was pirated and two British officers seriously wounded, returned to Hongkong and sent these officers to Hospital where they remained three weeks. When was the usual enquiry held? Have not the members of the Mercantile Marine already "demanded" by every means at their disposal "a searching enquiry" into that case, and with what result?

That an enquiry would arise once again the vexed question of piracy prevention is a consummation devoutly to be wished, but it will serve no purpose to make it and then pigeonhole it. Let the enquiry, investigation, commission, inquest, (abstain), or any other old thing you like to call it be carried to its logical conclusion and never mind a tinker's cuss about "My Government at Canton."

What is the earthly use of continuously harping on the increase of armed guards, if by armed guards you mean Indian guards? It is public property that the master of the Hydrangea had to go, under piratical escort, and give these men an assurance that no danger would be to be feared, before they would come out of their room in which they had locked themselves.

It is to be hoped that the Government will enlist the collected wisdom of numberless Solomons to devise suitable solution and it is also to be hoped that these Solomons will not all be laymen who have never been to sea and or have no intention of going. Let some of the practical men, who have a first hand knowledge of the matter and are studying the matter day and night in situ and not in arm chairs, have a chance of authoritatively expressing their views, instead of being submitted to cross-examination, like hostile witnesses, by Government officials and budding chief justices who know salt water only when they taste it.

As to penalties "first catch your hare," but a start might be made by sending some of our "D" class

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

INSURANCE OFFICES. NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all FIRE & MARINE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on TUESDAY, the 1st & WEDNESDAY, the 2nd January, 1924. By Order, LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS, Secretaries, FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG, MARINE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG & CANTON, Hongkong, 31st December, 1923.

NOTICE.

THE interest and responsibility in our firm of Mr. EDWARD JOHN CHAPMAN having ceased as from 31st December 1923, we have this day taken into partnership Mr. HARRY GREENWOOD, A.C.A. LINSTED & DAVIS, Chartered Accountants. Hongkong, 1st January, 1924.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 17th day of January, 1924, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Ma Tau Wei in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 70 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 70 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in Sq. Ft.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
1.	Ma Tau Wei.	N. S. E. W.			
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		As per map plan.	about 32,740	22s.	\$3,318

cruisers to Bias Bay for big gun practice and blowing the whole country-side off the map.

Yours &c.

Hongkong, December 31.

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1924 issue

To avoid delay in publication, old and new firms are requested to send particulars at once for insertion in the 1924 issue of the Dollar Directory.

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Extra	Fox Trot	Tell her at twilight
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2	Waltz	A kiss in the dark
3	Fox Trot	Anna Bella
4	Fox Trot	Running Wild
5	Waltz	Sleep
6	Fox Trot	Marches
7	One Step	Out where the blue begins
8	Fox Trot	Hollywood
First Supper	Fox Trot	Barny GooGoo
9	Fox Trot	Bambalina
10	Fox Trot	Just a girl every man forgets
11	Waltz	Wild Flower
12	Fox Trot	Saw Mill River Road
13	Fox Trot	
Second Supper	One Step	
14	Fox Trot	Cut yourself a piece of Cake
15	Fox Trot	Down in the farm
16	Waltz	Nelly Kelly
17	Fox Trot	Chansonette
Third Supper	Fox Trot	
18	Fox Trot	Bimini Bay
19	Fox Trot	Stella
20	Waltz	Thru' the night
21	Fox Trot	Last night in the back porch
22	Fox Trot	Lone Tales

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- 3111 A PRISON SOLILOQUY SEE WHAT IT MEANS? WHY OF DO AT

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We thank all of our friends for the business the New Year favours with and trust that we will continue to their valued patronage and support.

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CRICKET.

R. E. V. INDIANS 2ND XI.

The Royal Engineers played their first drawn match in the league this season, their opponents being the R.E.C. 2nd XI. Batting first, the Indians knocked up 179 for 8 wickets, the ball going to the boundary with frequency during the innings. For once the R.E. bowling was mastered, skipper D. Rumjahn hitting a 6 and four 4's in his brief stay. Curreen also played bright cricket.

Only Major Gandy and Smith made a stand when the Sappers went in to bat at 4.20 p.m., but Ramsey hit two 6's before being run out.

I.R.C. 2ND XI.

M. P. Madar, b. Cockell	24
H. D. Rumjahn, b. Goodman	19
O. Rumjahn, b. Jacob	10
J. S. Curreen, not out	57
P. M. el Arculli, b. Jacob	9
N. B. Kitchell, b. Jacob	0
D. Rumjahn, b. Goodman	31
I. Hassan, b. Goodman	3
Sirdar Khan, b. Cockell	17
Extras	9

Total (for 8 wks. dec.) 179

A. Kitchell and E. Moosdeen did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Jacob	14	1	52
Cockell	15	1	63
Goodman	8	1	35
Playford	1	0	6
Winter	2	0	14

R.E.

Major Gandy, b. Arculli	37
Capt. Churnwell, b. Arculli	4
Cockell, b. Sirdar Khan, b. H. D.	3
Rumjahn	34
Smith, b. Arculli	12
Brown, not out	16
Ramsey, run out	0
Jacob, b. Curreen	0
Winter, not out	1
Extras	13

Total (for 6 wickets) 120

Goodman, Playford and Clough-ton did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
P. M. Arculli	13	1	32
H. D. Rumjahn	7	1	37
Sirdar Khan	6	2	19
J. S. Curreen	4	1	19

K.C.C. 2ND V. VARSITY 2ND.

Kowloon 2nd XI. entertained the University 2nd XI. in a league match and a draw resulted, the home team being 149 runs short of victory with the last man batting when stumps were drawn. Osman (48) and Laing (27) were the only ones to make a stand for the visitors.

Laing opened the Varsity bowling and was neshalled on five occasions; he finished up by bowling under-arm and was taken off at the end of the over. It appears that Laing sent down four balls without dissent but when he delivered the fifth, the umpire at the batsman's end (a Kowloon man) called no-ball. This was repeated on no fewer than four occasions and a discussion arose. The argument was not concerned so much with Laing's method of delivery as with the authority on which the umpire at the batsman's end, questioned the ball. The umpire at the bowler's end (a University man) is alleged to have hinted that it was not appropriate for the other man to have done so. Reference to the M.C.C.'s rules of cricket and the official instructions to home umpires are quite explicit on this point and, it is believed, local league cricket is played under M.C.C. laws.

SCORES:—

UNIVERSITY 2ND XI.

C. A. Peterson, c. Edwards, b. Petheram	19
B. P. Ng, b. Petheram	1
J. L. Youngs, b. w. Howell	1
M. B. Osman, c. Weiser, b. Petheram	48
D. Laing, run out	27
S. Hachima, b. Petheram	1
M. B. Kyum, c. Overy, b. Brown	3
C. W. Lam, b. Petheram	2
Leong Ho-tong, b. Brown	0
A. T. Barna, not out	0
W. Sling, b. Petheram	8
Extras	14

Total 124

Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
B. Petheram	13.5	1	39
Petheram	6	0	21
Howell	6	0	18
Osman	3	1	5
Brown	2	0	7
Sling	1	1	6

Extras 26

Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
D. Laing	1	0	5
C. A. Peterson	10	0	20
J. L. Youngs	6	1	27
C. W. Lam	6	0	26
B. P. Ng	4	3	7

FIRST DIVISION.

P.	W.	L.	D.	P.
Indian R.C.	6	4	0	2
H.K.C.C.	4	3	0	1
Civil Service	5	3	1	1
University	3	2	1	0
Kowloon C.C.	4	1	2	1
R.G.A.	6	1	4	1
Navy	3	1	2	0
Craigengower	3	0	2	1
Chinese R.C.	4	0	3	1

SECOND DIVISION.

P.	W.	L.	D.	P.
Royal Engineers	9	7	1	22
Civil Service 2nd	9	5	3	1
Navy 2nd	4	4	0	12
H.K.C.C. 2nd	7	3	2	11
R.A.M.C.	7	3	4	0
University 2nd	7	2	3	2
Indians 2nd	8	2	4	2
Kowloon 2nd	6	1	4	1
Chinese 2nd	7	0	6	1

Friendly Matches.

Declaring at 180 for 9 wickets, the H.K.C.C. had no difficulty in disposing of the East Surrey's eleven in a friendly match on the Club ground. Bowler was the principal contributor to the Club's score, as he obtained 62. Half a dozen bowlers were tried by the regimental team. Lahmert was mainly responsible for the Surrey's score of 102. He bowled throughout the innings and secured 6 wickets for 40.

Batting first, the Indian R.C. knocked up 245 for 5 wickets against the eight bowlers of Mr. R. A. Ponsby-Pane's eleven which visited Sookumpoo. A. H. Rumjahn played bright cricket for his 97 while A. el Arculli and A. H. Madar got into the thirties. Bal-hetehet (24) and H. C. Hunt (23) opened for the visitors but the others were out cheaply. U. M. Osman (3 for 43) and A. H. Madar (5 for 48) bowled unchanged.

The Chinese 2nd XI. made 136 against the Club 2nd XI. at Causeway Bay. Wong Po-keung was top-scorer with 31 to his credit. D. E. Donnelly made a welcome re-appearance in local cricket and celebrated his return by getting 6 wickets for 34 runs. When stumps were drawn, the Club had 5 wickets down for 170 (Hollands 62 retired, and Piercy 71).

On the Navy ground, Happy Valley, the H.K.C.C. "A" team was defeated by the Navy 2nd XI. who declared at 202 for 5 wickets (Worthington 72 not out and Ramsbottom 53). The H.K.C.C. were all out for 100, a stand by Dean (36) and England (22) being responsible for most of the runs.

F. E. Lawrence compiled 110 (retired) for Craigengower in a match with the Club de Recreio. The C.C.C. declared at 225 for 8 and got the visitors out for 93.

Talko Nomads played another match on Saturday, losing to Civil Service 2nd XI. by a big margin. The C.S.C.C. score was 213 for 9 wickets, declared (Hamilton 53 retired, Smith 53 not out and Sara 42) and the Nomads mustered 64, Sara and Edmonds each taking 4 wickets.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Kallian" from Hongkong arrived at Marseilles on Dec. 30.

The D. L. s.s. "Chappa" from Fremantle on Dec. 18 is expected here today. Agents—Dowell & Co. Ltd.

The B. F. s.s. "Philippines" for Pacific Ports, left Manila on Dec. 29 for this port and is due here to-morrow.

The B. I. s.s. "Arafo" left Moji for this port on Dec. 30 at p.m. and is due here on Jan. 3 at about p.m.

The A.O.L. s.s. "President Madison" which sailed from Seattle on Dec. 16 is due here on Jan. 6.

The A.O.L. s.s. "President Grant" which sailed from this port at 5 p.m. on Dec. 31, is due in Manila at 7 a.m. on Jan. 2. She sails from that port at 6 p.m. on Jan. 4, arriving here at 7 a.m. Jan. 6, and will be dispatched for Victoria and Seattle via Shanghai and Japan at 10 a.m. Jan. 7.

The O.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" arrived at Yokohama on Dec. 28 p.m. left Yokohama on Dec. 29 p.m. and is due at Vancouver on Jan. 9.

For O.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" Capt. L. D. Douglas, R.N.R. Commander, will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C. via Shanghai (Woocong), Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at noon on Jan. 10.

The B. F. s.s. "Ision" left Liverpool on Dec. 30 for Hongkong, Shanghai and Japan and is due here on or about Jan. 13.

The A. O. L. s.s. "Eikon" is expected to arrive from New York via ports on January 13, 1924.

The O.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" left Vancouver for Hongkong via Japan ports and Shanghai on Dec. 27 and is due here on Jan. 16.

The B. F. s.s. "Asapenor" left Liverpool on Dec. 16 for Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai and Kobe and is due here on or about Jan. 17.

HOME FOOTBALL

LATEST LEAGUE RESULTS.

London, December 29.—League matches played to-day resulted as follows:—

ENGLISH LEAGUE.	
Arsenal	1 Chelsea
Aston Villa	2 Cardiff City
Blackburn R.	1 Huddersfield T.
Bolton W.	2 Everton
Burnley	1 Preston N. E.
Liverpool	2 West Ham U.
Manchester C.	3 West Brom. A.
Notts. F.	0 Newcastle U.
Sheffield U.	0 Middlesbro'
Sunderland	1 Notts C.
Tottenham H.	1 Birmingham
SCOTTISH LEAGUE.	
Aberdeen	3 Clyde
Airdrieonians	1 Raith Rovers
Hamilton A.	0 Ayr United
Hearts	1 Dundee
Kilmarnock	0 Third Lanark
Morton	1 Hibernians
Partick T.	0 Falkirk
Queen's Park	2 Motherwell
St. Mirren	0 Rangers

The Celtic v. Clydebank match was postponed, the ground being unfit for play.—*Reuter*.

LEAGUE TABLES TO DATE.

ENGLISH LEAGUE—DIVISION 1.					
TEAM.	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.
Cardiff City	23	13	2	8	34
Bolton Wanderers	25	11	4	10	32
Huddersfield Town	23	13	6	4	30
Sunderland	23	12	6	5	29
Aston Villa	25	9	5	11	29
Newcastle United	24	11	8	5	27
Blackburn Rovers	23	11	7	5	27
Everton	24	10	8	6	26
Sheffield United	23	9	6	8	26
Tottenham Hotspur	23	9	6	8	26
Notts County	23	7	6	10	24
West Ham United	23	7	8	8	22
Manchester City	22	6	8	8	22
West Bromwich Albion	23	6	9	8	20
Burnley	23	6	9	8	20
Arsenal	23	7	10	6	20
Nottingham Forest	23	6	11	6	18
Liverpool	23	7	12	4	18
Birmingham	23	4	10	9	17
Chelsea	24	4	12	8	16
Middlesborough	23	6	13	4	16
Preston North End	23	4	14	5	13
SCOTTISH LEAGUE—DIVISION 1.					
TEAM.	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.
Rangers	20	14	1	5	33
Airdrieonians	21	11	4	6	28
Celtic	20	9	3	8	26
Raith Rovers	20	10	6	4	24
Aberdeen	21	9	7	5	23
Partick Thistle	21	9	8	4	22
Kilmarnock	20	8	6	6	22
St. Mirren	20	7	6	7	21
Hearts	21	7	7	7	21
Hibernians	21	7	8	6	20
Third Lanark	19	9	8	2	20
Falkirk	21	7	9	5	19
Clyde	21	6	9	6	18
Dundee	20	7	9	4	18
Greenock Morton	22	7	12	3	17
Clydebank	20	6	10	4	16
Motherwell	20	6	11	3	15
Queen's Park	20	6	11	3	15
Hamilton Academicals	20	6	11	3	15
Ayr United	20	4	9	7	15

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YAUMATI SHOOTING.

WOUNDED OFFICERS' CONDITION.

TWO ROBBERS DYING.

On enquiry at the Government Civil Hospital this afternoon, Dr. C. W. McKenny courteously informed the *China Mail* that Sergeant Robertson is still in a very critical condition and will be so for some days.

It was learnt from police circles to-day that this officer had twice been wounded in the war, but had recovered.

Dr. McKenny's opinion regarding the other officers who were wounded in the fray with the armed gang at Yaumati on Saturday morning, is as follows:—

Detective Sergeant Fender—satisfactory.

The Sikh sergeant—on the whole satisfactory, although he had a serious injury.

Detective Man Wan—"is quite all right."

As to the three alleged robbers, Dr. McKenny said that two were in a very serious state while the third will probably recover.

The man arrested in the flat was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning and formally remanded. No plea was taken.

AFTERMATH.

Robbery Gossip.

Official and unofficial versions conflict as to how the police got wind of the robbery while it was in progress. According to one of the senior officers at Yaumati station, one of the occupants of the floor below volunteered a report at the charge-room that "an armed robbery was suspected." This class of report had become fairly common in that crime-infested district, consequently the danger ahead was not sensed in the least. Nevertheless, Detective Inspector "Tim" Murphy went to the informant's floor and "smelt a rat."

One of the unofficial versions has it that a cigarette hawk with a pitch at the bottom of the staircase, laid the initial report. He is said to have been an ex-policeman and the desperadoes were suspected by his trained eye, as soon as they entered the house.

Hearsay is responsible for yet another story which is that a water carrier overheard the victims of the robbery, pleading for their lives and offering all they had.

Police Thoughtfulness.

Framing together the fragments picked up from the officers on the aged in the fray, it appears that the police decided to decy the robbers out of the house into the street to minimise the danger to people in the house, shortly after the three Europeans had posted themselves on the staircase.

Interesting Theories.

Chinese who have studied the actions of robbers in the interior are curious to know what happened to the man or men who stood guard at the door, or in the street. They claim that the scout outside is absolutely necessary, that it is usually the more experienced, quick-to-act, trained observer, that is assigned to the duty, and point to the frequency with which these "guards" are mentioned in police reports.

The general opinion is that the look-out man must have been in the street and that he took to his heels when Tim Murphy—who has been engaged in Yaumati detective work for a decade and is universally known there—first went there to investigate.

Chinese Tee's Stamina.

Men who have previously been under fire in the trenches will find a special interest in the account of what happened to the Chinese detective who was wounded. After being shot in the back he was not conscious of his injury and together with another detective, ran his quarry to earth and brought him into the charge-room. It was not till then that he felt uneasy. He is said to have asked his colleague to have a look at his back to see "what was the matter."

What language he used then is excusable but the alleged robber is quoted as having rejoined "All right, brother. I have several (meaning bullets) in my body," and thereupon lifted up his coat to bear out his contention.

Miscellaneous Items.

The shooting was over in a few minutes and everything was so sudden that nobody had time to take stock of anything outside his own immediate attention. Hence, there was little in the way of an organised, effective action, individual police just giving chase when they saw a robber firing or running. If what is stated is correct, the miscreants must have prepared to resist capture to the utmost, as it is said they had their weapons tied to their waists and also had an abundance of ammunition. These are more than what is required to terrorise the average Chinese householder.

Detective Mak Yiu, who is claimed to have made one arrest, is attached to Central. He was on his way to the ferry for Hongkong, when he heard the shots and at once joined in the fray. This detective has to his

APPRECIATION.

The large number of those who witnessed the display of classical dancing by Miss Violet Cappell's pupils, some time ago, will be interested to read the letter, copy of which we give below sent by Viscount Knutsford, Chairman of the London Hospital, to which institution Miss Cappell devoted part of the proceeds of her concert.

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I hope you will accept as the most trifling of gifts the little book I am sending you under separate cover, my Secretary had the cheek to write it, and though there is too much about me in it there is plenty of interesting Hospital matter."

Yours very truly,

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The Stigberg quay at Gothenburg will be extended at the eastern end, and the harbour depth will be increased at this point to 10 metres in order to accommodate the largest steamships from the United States. The cost of the scheme is estimated at 500,000 crowns.

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credit, a thrilling capture, after a running revolver duel in several streets, during race-week this year, when the villain was ultimately brought down with about half-a-dozen bullets in him.

The No. 1 Chinese detective at Yaumati, hero of a pistol battle with four armed robbers in Portland Street a month or so ago, was also in this affair but had the misfortune to sprain his ankle when taking a leap over a stack of bricks.

A rumour goes that one of the alleged robbers, who is known in Yaumati as "Analytical Chan," has previous acquaintance with the police. Mr. T. H. King, Director of Criminal Intelligence, is mentioned as having personally executed a search on his house immediately after the shooting.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

VESSELS DUE

FROM NORTH CHINA.

Jan. 6.—J.O.I.L. Tjibanaang.

FROM BANGKOK.

Jan. 4.—E. A. Banks.

4.—E. A. Bistang.

FROM SHANGHAI.

Jan. 13.—J.O.I.L. Tjibanaang.

FROM MANILA.

Jan. 10.—U.S.S.B. West Carmona.

FROM JAPAN.

Jan. 3.—J.C.J.L. Tjibanaang.

FROM JAVA.

Jan. 23.—J.C.J.L. Tjibanaang.

FROM SINGAPORE.

Dec. 30.—B. I. Torilla.

FROM CALCUTTA.

Jan. 5.—B. I. Torilla.

FROM STONEY AND MELBOURNE.

Jan. 3.—A. O. L. Kut.

Feb. 1.—E. A. Banks.

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Mar. 7.—E. A. Banks.

Apr. 4.—E. A. Banks.

May 2.—E. A. Banks.

FROM FREMANTLE.

Dec. 31.—D. & Co. Chupra.

FROM YARCOUVER.

Jan. 10.—B. F. Tyndarus.

Jan. 20.—A.O.L. Tyndarus.

Feb. 3.—B. F. Tyndarus.

Feb. 27.—B. F. Tyndarus.

Mar. 19.—B. F. Tyndarus.

Apr. 9.—B. F. Tyndarus.

May 23.—B. F. Tyndarus.

FROM SEATTLE.

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FROM LOS ANGELES AND SAN FRANCISCO.

Jan. 2.—U.S.S.B. West Prospect.

FROM NEW YORK.

Jan. 13.—A.O.L. Kliton.

FROM PORTLAND.

Jan. 17.—U.S.S.B. Hannawa.

24.—U.S.S.B. Montague.

FROM EUROPEAN PORTS.

Jan. 18.—J.O.I.L. Saporosa.

24.—H. A. L. Westerland.

26.—H. A. L. Vostland.

FROM MARSEILLES.

Jan. 3.—M. M. Ambolce.

17.—M. M. Cordillera.

31.—M. M. Angera.

FROM LONDON.

Jan. 11.—P. & O. Mores.

14.—G. L. Glenbeg.

19.—P. & O. Sicilia.

25.—P. & O. Karmala.

28.—G. L. Glenbeg.

31.—P. & O. Sicilia.

Feb. 6.—P. & O. Naldora.

9.—G. L. Pembrokeshire.

22.—P. & O. Rhyber.

28.—G. L. Pembrokeshire.

Mar. 7.—P. & O. Phina.

10.—G. L. Glenbeg.

19.—P. & O. Sicilia.

21.—P. & O. Kalyan.

31.—P. & O. Kashmir.

Apr. 3.—P. & O. Soudan.

8.—P. & O. Khira.

17.—P. & O. Delta.

May 1.—P. & O. Delta.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

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Mrs. Mary Egan..... \$490
Miss Maria Kosina Killen..... 522
Mr. John Harvey..... 526
Miss Kathleen Mary Brooks..... 562
Thomas Francis O'Sullivan..... 565
Mr. William McMahon..... 536
Miss Brooks, who is a London school-mistress, claimed £2,000 damages; Mrs. Egan, Kingsbury-road, Islington, a housekeeper, £1,500; Mr. O'Sullivan, a parliamentary journalist and formerly London editor of the *Freeman's Journal*, £5,000; Mr. McMahon, wholesale provision merchant, Manchester, £5,800; and Mr. Harvey, Richmond-road, Islington, £4,000.

In each case the claim was for arrest and deportation to the Irish Free State in March last.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE

OUTWARD from Hamburg, Bremen, Rotterdam, and Antwerp.



While in the office of District Attorney Dodd, of Brooklyn, N. Y., asking that an investigation be made into the disappearance of her husband, Richard, whose coat and hat were found on the middle span of one of the bridges over the East River, Mrs. Emma Dieters gazed into the face of a man who entered the room. "That's him!" she shrieked. "Don't let him get away!" Then she fainted. The man was E. M. Jeffe, assistant sales manager of the Brooklyn Edison Company and a prominent member of the Crescent Athletic Club, where Dieters had been a telephone operator. Mrs. Dieters charged that her husband had been threatened because members of the club believed he had picked up love letters from a waste-paper basket and was going to give them to the wife of the man involved.



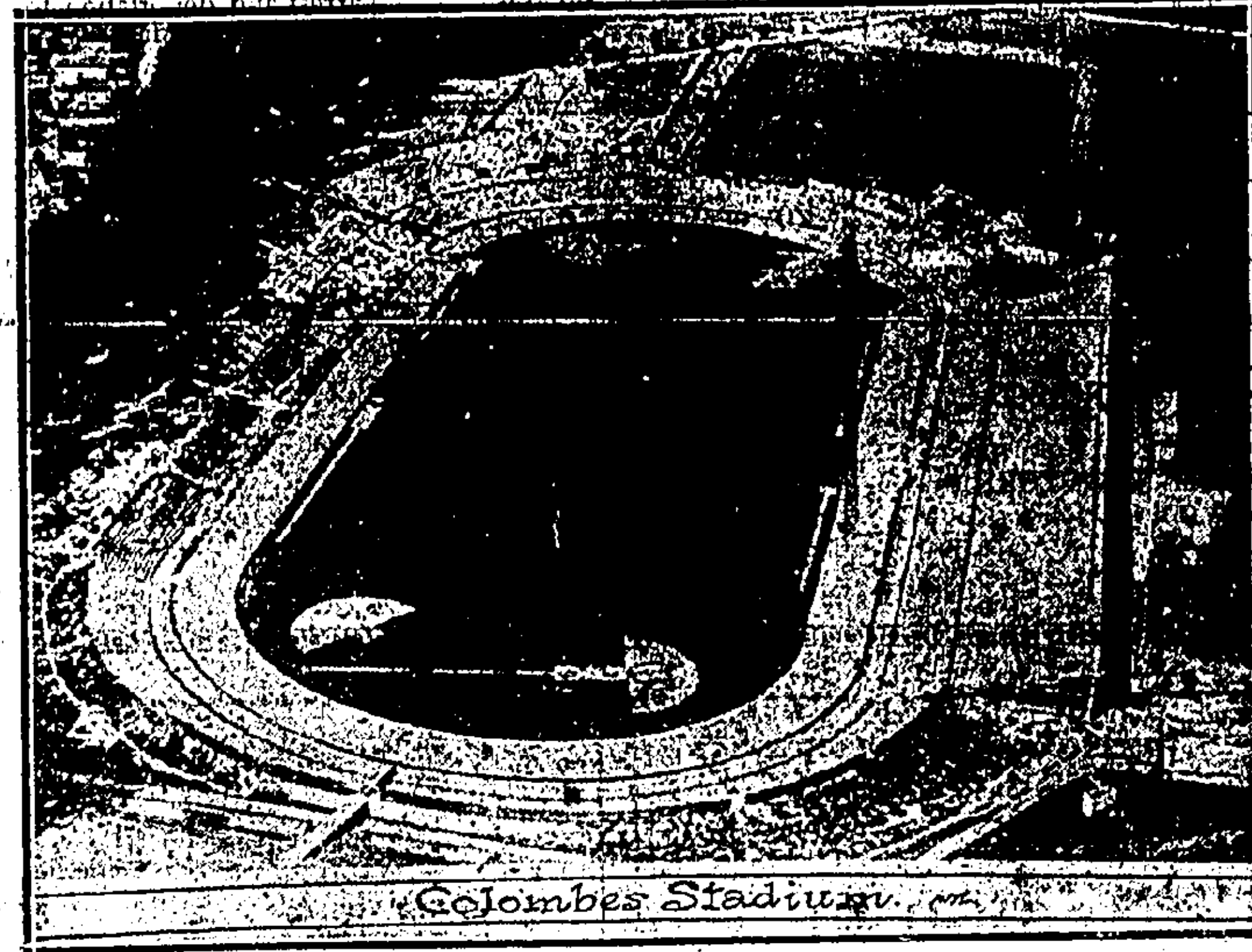
Emil Hersch, owner of a travelling show, is under arrest in Chicago, charged with kidnapping nine-year-old Mabel Kropp, of Oneida Wis., for the purpose of using her as a "dancing doll" in his tent show. Alienists are examining him to his sanity.



William Gibbs McAdoo and his two children—Mary Faith (left) and Ellen Wilson, granddaughters of ex-President Wilson—were recent callers on President Coolidge. As they left the White House Mr. Coolidge asked them "to call again." "Oh, we'll be back!" answered Ellen, whose father is a strong possibility for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency next year.



The delegates to the Imperial British Conference, representing all the British colonies and possessions, were photographed in the garden of No. 10 Downing Street, the official London home of Premier Stanley Baldwin. In the front row, left to right, are: The Maharajah of Alwar, India; the Duke of Devonshire; T. R. Massey, Prime Minister of New Zealand; Lord Curzon, British Foreign Minister; MacKenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada; Stanley Baldwin, British Prime Minister; S. M. Bruce, Prime Minister of Australia; Lord Salisbury, General Jan. Smuts, Prime Minister of South Africa; W. B. Warren, Prime Minister of Newfoundland; Lord Peel and Desmond Fitzgerald, representing the Irish Free State. In the back row, left to right, are: Prof. Rushbrooke, representing India; Mr. McGilligan and Mr. Thompson, New Zealand; Prof. O. D. Skelton, Canada; Sir Maurice Henkey and Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, India; H. Barton, South Africa; C. P. Graham, Canada; Senator R. V. Wilson, Australia; Sir Lomer Gouin, Canada; N. J. De Wet, South Africa; J. C. C. Davidson, M. P., Sir J. E. Masterson-Smith and Sir R. Gairan, Australia; E. J. Harding and Captain E. F. C. Lane, South Africa; and Mr. Curzon.



Above is the new stadium at Colombes, near Paris, France, where the 1924 Olympic Games will be held, with picked athletes of 42 nations competing for the world's supremacy in sports.



In the beautiful chapel of the Seminary of St. Salpice, at Issy, France, Cardinal Daboie conferred sacred orders on sixteen priests and six deacons. All were combatants in the World War, including one Officer and three Knights of the Legion of Honour, two owners of the Medaille Militaire, France's highest decoration for valour, while ten wore the Croix de Guerre. One was an artillery lieutenant-colonel, six were lieutenants, four were sub-lieutenants and three were students in the War College. After the last prayer all the candidates for sacred orders fell prostrate on the floor, while the Schola Cantorum sang the litany of the saints, as shown in this photograph.



Young Chicago society women will tell the wide world, and especially that section of it that wears uniforms of commissioned officers in the United States Army, that spurs may be all right to keep their feet from slipping off their desks (as Uncle Joe Cannon described them), but they are IMPOSSIBLE on a dance floor. They say they won't go to the Armistice Day Ball at the Army and Navy Club if the officers don't sheath their spurs. The picture describes the deadly dig of the spurred military heel.

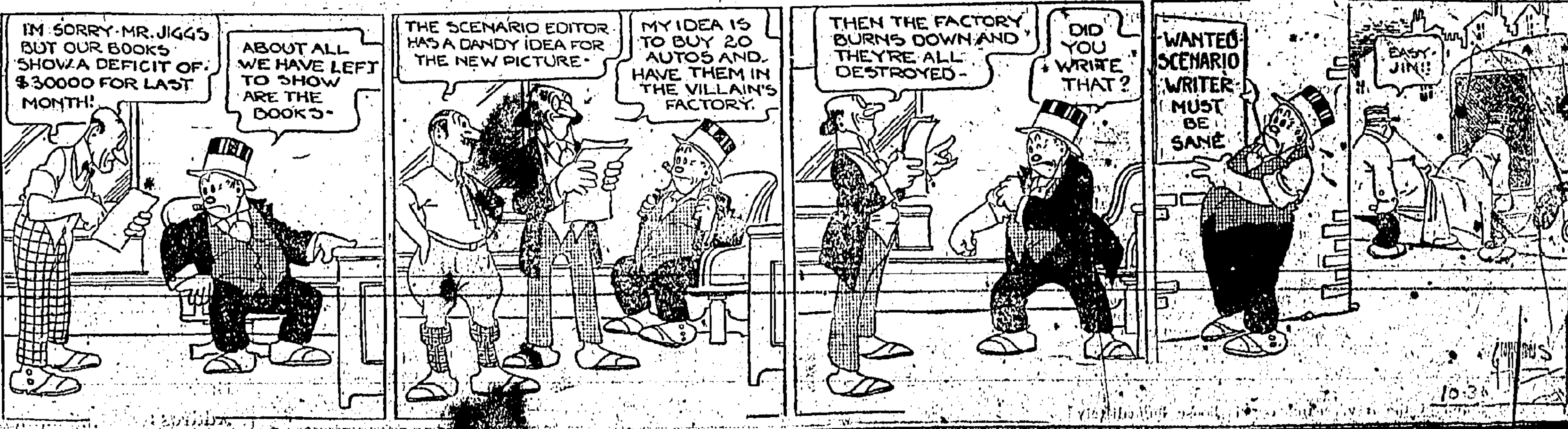


Mrs. Helen Wood Stokes, who is being sued for divorce in New York City by W. E. D. Stokes, multi-millionaire sportsman, was identified by a repudiated affidavit of a Mrs. Williams as a red-haired woman who visited the Bethel (Conn.) bungalow of W. Leon Pepperman, vice-president of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, with Edgar T. Wallace, alleged co-respondent. In court, however, Mrs. Margaret Wynn Pell, wife of a wealthy New York Stock Exchange member, appeared as Mrs. Stokes's "double." She said it was she and not Mrs. Stokes who visited the bungalow. In this she was corroborated by her husband, Colonel Pepperman, and others. Mrs. Pell's hair is red and her complexion much the same as Mrs. Stokes's. The two women are of the same size. "If you were on the jury, would you decide Mrs. Pell is Mrs. Stokes's 'double'?" Is it the tilt of the nose? the cast of the firm chin? the curious expression of the eyes? or the little, turned-down mouth?

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Nagasaki	Yokohama
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T. NISHITAMA,
Manager.

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